THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Petitioner,

v.

TAMALCO TOWNSHIP, BOND COUNTY, ILLINOIS;)
PLEASANT MOUND TOWNSHIP, BOND COUNTY,
ILLINOIS; BOND COUNTY. ILLINOIS; and.
STATE OF-ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION,

Respondents.

Petition seeking a determination from the Illinois Commerce Commission whether) the warning devices at the public grade crossing located at the tracks of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe) Railway Company ("BNSF") and TR 247 (Main Street) in Tamalco Township, Bond County, Illinois, Milepost 102.33, DOT No. 0693163 should be upgraded to automatic flashing light signals with gates and constant warning time circuitry; whether the public grade crossing located at the intersection of the tracks of BNSF and Township Road TR 238 in Tamalco Township, Bond County,,) Illinois, Milepost 102.21, DOT No. 069 318T should be closed; and, a connecting) road constructed on the east side of the tracks and right-of-way of BNSF between Township Road TR 247 (Main Street) and TR 238, with any such cost be borne by the parties in accordance with law and that a substantial portion of the cost to be borne by the Grade Crossing Protection Fund.

And

Petition seeking a determination from the Illinois Commerce Commission whether the warning devices at the public grade crossing located at the tracks of BNSF and Township Road TR 199 in Tsmalco Township, Bond County, Milepost 98.65, DOT NO. 069 156T should be upgraded to automatic flashing light signals and gates with constant warning time circuitry; the public grade crossing located at the intersection of Township Road TR 232 in Tamalco Township, Bond County, Illinois, Milepost 98. 59, DOT No. 069160B should be closed:

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a connecting road constructed on the east side of the tracks and right-of-way of BNSF connecting Township Road TR 199, Township Road TR 326 (Second Street) and TR 232a; whether the warning devices at the grade crossing located at the intersection of TR 326 (Second Street) and the tracks of BNSF, Milepost 98.31 should be upgraded to automatic flashing light signals and gates; the public at grade crossing at the intersection of Township Road TR 232a and the tracks of BNSF, Milepost 98.23, DOT No. 0691586 should be closed; and, a connecting road west of BNSF's track and right-of-way extending High Street to the north to Township Road TR 232a, with any such costs to be borne by the parties in accordance with law and that a substantial portion of any such costs be borne by the Grade Crossing Protection Fund.

MOTION TO STRIKE

Now comes petitioner, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF"), by its attorneys, Kenneth J. Wysoglad & Associates and moves the Illinois Commerce Commission for an order striking from the record the letters of exception submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission in the above captioned cause from Frank Watson, Byron Sikma, Russ Metzger, Verna Lee Roberts, Christopher J.T. Bauer and Charles E. Eyman. In support therof, petitioner states as follows:

- 1. On April 10, 2001 The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company filed its petition in the above captioned cause.
- 2. On May 31, 2001, after proper notice, a hearing was held before a duly authorized Hearing Examiner of the Illinois Commerce

Commission at its offices in Springfield, Illinois. At the conclusion of the hearing the record was marked "Heard and Taken".

3. At time of public hearing on May 31, 2001 no appearance was entered by Frank Watson, Byron Sikma, Russ Metzger, Verna Lee Roberts, Christopher J.T. Bauer or Charles E. Eyman. Moreover, none of the aforesaid individuals presented any testimony or provided any comment at time of public hearing. As such, none of the aforesaid individuals have standing to take exception to the Hearing Examiner's proposed order or otherwise oppose the petition.

Wherefore, petitioner, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company prays that the Illinois Commerce Commission strike from the record any letter of exception submitted by Frank Watson, Byron Sikma, Russ Metzger, Verna Lee Roberts, Christopher J.T. Bauer and Charles E. Eyman.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

Michael L. Sazdanoff, deposes and says that on the **30** day of <u>JULY</u>, 2001, he caused to be served, a true and correct copy of MOTION TO STRIKE upon:

Mr. Henry Humphries
Railroad Section
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Mr. James C. Slifer
Director, Division of Highways
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
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by depositing same in the U.S. Mail depository located at Adams and Clinton Streets, Chicago, Illinois in an envelope(s) with first-class postage, prepaid.

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